

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Tempe City Charter authorizes the declaration of an emergency affecting the life, health, property or the public peace of the City of Tempe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tempe City Council by way of Emergency Ordinance No. O2020.07, declared an emergency on March 18, 2020, and authorizing the Mayor to rule by proclamation to enact measures to ensure the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona law authorizes the Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Tempe is or may be affected by a public calamity under AR.S. § 26-311, in addition to powers granted by other provisions of law or the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 viral outbreak for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, welfare and economic viability, the City of Tempe has taken measures to protect the health and safety of our residents, community and employees, from the rapidly evolving threat to public health, safety and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT DUE TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT EXISTS IN THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK IT IS HEREBY ORDERED WITHIN THE CITY OF TEMPE:**

All public Park amenities and facilities, with the exception of drinking fountains and park restrooms, will close to the public effective 6:00 a.m. on March 31, 2020 until further notice. Walkways, pathways, open park space and municipal golf courses will remain open with the caution to the public that recommendations regarding social or physical distancing be observed.

Park amenities and facilities include but are not limited to all playground equipment, ramadas, picnic tables, exercise and fitness stations, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, dog parks, skate and bike parks, and splash pads.


**PROCLAIMED** at 1:53 p.m. this 30th day of March 2020.

  
Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
for Carla R. Reece, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Judith R. Baumann, City Attorney

